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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY
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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF AUSTRALIAN GUARANTEES FOR REFUGEES
TO BE MOVED TO PROPOSED PHILIPPINE TRANSIT CENTER

REF: A. CANBERRA 5726, B. KUALA LUMPUR 8858, C. KUALA
LUMPUR 6552,D.STATE 210723

1. REF C PROPOSED THAT, IF PHILIPPINES, MACAU, OR ANOTHER
COUNTRY INSISTED THAT REFUGEES BEGUARANTEED RESETTLEMENT
BEFORE THEY COULD BE MOVED TO PROPOSED TRANSIT CENTERS TO
BE LOCATED IN THOSE COUNTRIES, THEN SINCE U.S. ABILITY TO
MAKE SUCH GUARANTEES WAS LIMITED, GOA MIGHT INITIALLY
GUARANTEE SOME REFUGEES WHOM U.S. MOST PROBABLY WOULD EVEN-
TUALLY ACCEPT. PURPOSE WAS TO EXPEDITE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES
OUT OF MALAYSIA, GIVEN CONSTRAINTS UNDER LRP ON SUCH MOVE-
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MENT. REF C SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY EXPLORE THIS CONCEPT
WITH GOA.

2. REF A WHICH REFERRED TO REF C COMMENTED THAT IN ABSENCE
OF IMMIGRATION MINISTER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, NO ONE IN GOA
WAS WILLING UNTIL HE RETURNED TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN CURRENT
GOA COMMITMENTS REGARDING REFUGEES.

3. SINCE HE HAS RETURNED, SITUATION IN MALAYSIA HAS

WORSENER AS POINTED OUT REF B. REF D INSTRUCTED GENEVA
TO APPROACH UNHCR AGAIN TO LOOK AT POSSIBILITY OF TEMPOR-
ARY SAFE HAVEN ELSEWHERE TO RELIEVE PRESSURE IN MALAYSIA.

4. CANBERRA SHOULD ALSO APPROACH GOA TO DISCUSS POSSIBI-
LITY OF GOA GUARANTEES OF REFUGEES LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED
BY U.S., IF COUNTRY WHERE TRANSIT CENTER IS TO BE ESTAB-
LISHED REQUIRES THEM, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE MOVEMENT OF
REFUGEES OUT OF MALAYSIA. CHRISTOPHER

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